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1. The Second Preliminary Amendment filed August 4, 2000 and resubmitted August 23, 2001 (paper no. 20) is considered non-compliant because it was not submitted in the format required by 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1). Specifically, 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii) required underlining below subject matter added to the patent.
2. It is further noted that amendments filed in reissue applications on or after March 1, 2001 must comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b). A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required in response to this Notice, which supplemental paper must comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b). 37 CFR 1.173(b)(1) also requires underlining of any matter to be added to the specification. See also *MPEP* 1453.
3. A shortened statutory period for reply to this Notice is set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this Notice.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diana B. Johannsen whose telephone number is 703/305-0761. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00 am-3:30 pm.

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